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For: **JOINING AREA FOR ATTACHING AN ADD-ON  
PIECE TO A VEHICLE BODY**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof: